

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANTHONY D. BRUNO, RECIPIENT OF 2015 ITALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony D. Bruno II, M.D., who will be awarded the Italian-American Association's Person of the Year Award on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Anthony is a native of Pittston and is the son of Dr. Anthony Bruno and Pauline Bruno.

Anthony attended Wyoming Area High School and graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in biology, magna cum laude. Following college, Anthony earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. During his time there, he received the Most Outstanding Student in Surgery Award. Following medical school, Anthony trained in general surgery at Westchester Medical Center in New York and at Creighton University Medical Center. Anthony completed an additional three years of training in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Today, Anthony is certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

In 2007, Anthony returned to the Wyoming Valley to raise a family and serve the community of Northeast Pennsylvania. He started the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at Geisinger Wyoming Medical Center. He was recognized for his leadership and professionalism by the Times Leader and was awarded the paper's 40 Under 40 Award.

It is an honor to recognize Anthony for all of his accomplishments, and I extend my congratulations on his award. I wish him the best in all future endeavors and thank him for the contributions he has made serving his fellow Pennsylvanians.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Day of the Republic of China, commonly known as Double Ten Day, on October 10.

The United States and Taiwan maintain strong economic and cultural ties as evidenced by the fact that Taiwan is now our 10th largest trading partner.

In Connecticut, we are particularly close with the people of Taiwan. Connecticut is the proud home to thousands of people born in Taiwan and countless children and grandchildren of immigrants from Taiwan.

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the people of Taiwan and all Connecticut residents of Taiwanese descent. Happy Double Ten Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the congregation of my church home, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, as we celebrate a remarkable 150 years. A celebration in honor of this very significant anniversary will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the church. This celebration will also serve as an opportunity to honor Pastor Daniel Simmons for his 24 years of faithful leadership to the church.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the church was founded in 1865, the same year that the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by Congress and ratified by the States. In the beginning years, the members of the church met at Jerry Walter's Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Highland Avenue and Jackson Street. The church had purchased land and was constructing a new building at Washington Street and Highland Avenue but the structure was destroyed by a storm before it was completed.

The church next purchased land at Whitney Avenue and Jefferson Street. A Yankee colonel donated a house that was brought to Albany from nearby Leesburg. The house served as the first church structure at that site until years later when it was torn down and a church of brick was built. This brick structure is known as the Old Mount Zion building.

Mr. Speaker, this ardent community of believers, whose ancestors had finally been freed from the bonds of slavery, were subjected to continuous oppression and injustice, ultimately resulting in the Civil Rights Movement. They attempted to register to vote, they rallied, they marched, and they were thrown in jail. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Albany to mobilize the African-American community and was himself incarcerated. Yet, the spirit of the congregation of Mount Zion was not broken, and their faith in God grew stronger than ever before as they prevailed.

Many of the rallies during the Albany phase of the Civil Rights Movement were held at Mount Zion and to commemorate those struggles, the church donated the building to the Albany Civil Rights Museum which is currently housed there. In 1972, the church moved to a new location at 1905 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

In 1994, Mount Zion again faced adversity when floods inundated the church with eight feet of water. The congregation took the old adage, "come Hell or high water," to heart and continued to worship at the local Jewish Temple B'nai Israel until the church building was reconstructed a little over a year later.

In its 150 years, Mount Zion has seen only nine pastors but each has left a lasting mark on the church. The founding pastor, Rev. R.R. Watson faithfully served the church during its first 15 years of existence until he was called to his heavenly reward. In 1944, Rev. Dr. E. James Grant began leading the flock. During his 47 years of service, the church grew and flourished tremendously.

In 1991, Pastor Daniel Simmons took leadership of Mount Zion and this year, he celebrates 24 years of service to Mount Zion. A charismatic evangelical innovator, Pastor Simmons' spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious. Under his leadership, Mount Zion expanded its ministry services, increased its membership tremendously to the point where a second worship service was added, and moved into its new state-of-the-art facility on 109 acres of land at 901 South Westover Boulevard in 2010.

With a congregation of over 3,000 members and 54 ministries, including both radio and television ministries, Mount Zion is truly "reaching the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

On a personal note, I am proud that Mount Zion is my church home and that I am an ordained Deacon and Trustee. My wife, Vivian, and I have been blessed by Pastor Simmons' wise counsel and sage advice. Over the 19 years I have been a member of the church, I have known some of the most kind, loving, and generous Christians who truly have a heart for Jesus. To God be the glory, for He is doing amazing things through Mount Zion.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in honoring and commending Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia for its enduring commitment, despite adversity, to each other and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May Mount Zion continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith for many more years to come.

HONORING DR. CHARLES V. SHANK

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Charles V. Shank. Known by many for his seminal development of ultrafast lasers and his visionary leadership as Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from 1989 through 2004, Dr. Shank made the Advanced Light Source a world-leading center for soft X-ray science. As a recipient of the U.S. Department of Energy's Enrico Fermi Award on October 20, 2015—presented to outstanding scientists for distinguished achievement—we honor Dr. Shank's life work and lasting legacy.

Graduating summa cum laude in 1965 from UC Berkeley, Dr. Shank went on to receive an M.S. and PhD in Electrical Engineering. These early academic achievements were the catalyst for a distinguished twenty year career at AT&T Bell Laboratories, where Dr. Shank made his mark as a pioneer in femtosecond laser spectroscopy and the study of ultrafast events.

In 1989, following his meteoric rise at AT&T, Dr. Shank was appointed Director of Berkeley Lab. Here, Dr. Shank would more than double the annual budget and grow the Lab's workforce to nearly 4,000 personnel. Under his watch the stage was set to attract the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) and the creation of the Joint Genome Institute (JGI) to settle at Berkeley. Not long after, he championed the Supernova Cosmology Project, which led to the Nobel